

The USGS Geomagnetism Program: Down to Earth with magnetic hazards from space

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Six hazard science programs:

- Earthquake Hazards
- Global Seismographic Network
- Volcano Hazards
- Landslide Hazards
- Coastal & Marine Geology
- Geomagnetism

Strategic priorities for hazard science:

- Enhanced observations
- Fundamental understanding
- Assessment products and services
- Effective situational awareness

**U.S. Geological Survey Natural Hazards Science Strategy—
Promoting the Safety, Security, and Economic Well-Being
of the Nation**



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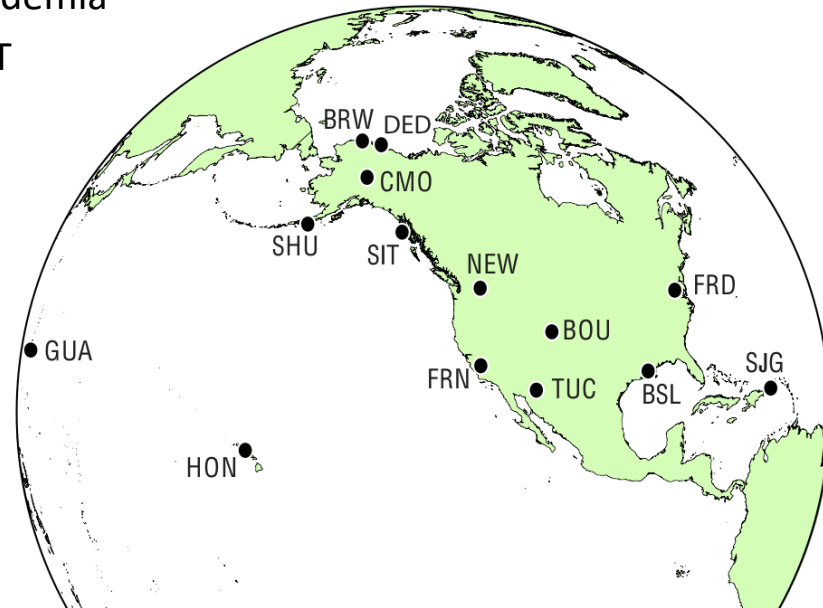
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USGS Geomagnetism Program Summary

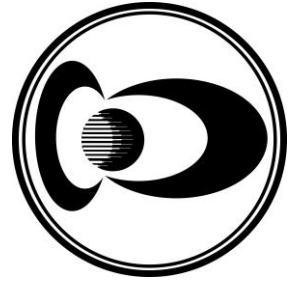
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- Part of a USGS Natural Hazards Mission
- DOI representative for NSTC's SWORM project; Space Weather Strategy & Action Plans
- Monitor Earth's magnetic field at ground-based magnetic observatories.
- Report data with high accuracy, resolution, and reliability
- Customers: Air Force, NOAA, NASA, GFZ, industry, academia
- Promote operations around the world: INTERMAGNET
- Operational partnership with oil & gas industry
- Conduct research of societal importance
- Carol A. Finn, Geomagnetism Group Leader
- 16 staff, 14 observatories
- Budget: \$1.9 million/yr

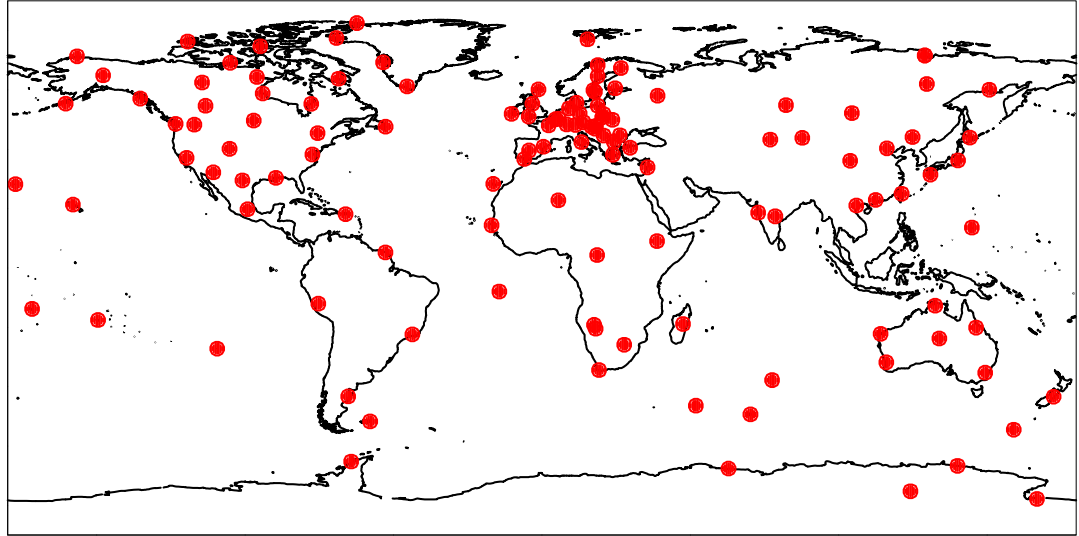
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INTERMAGNET (www.intermagnet.org)



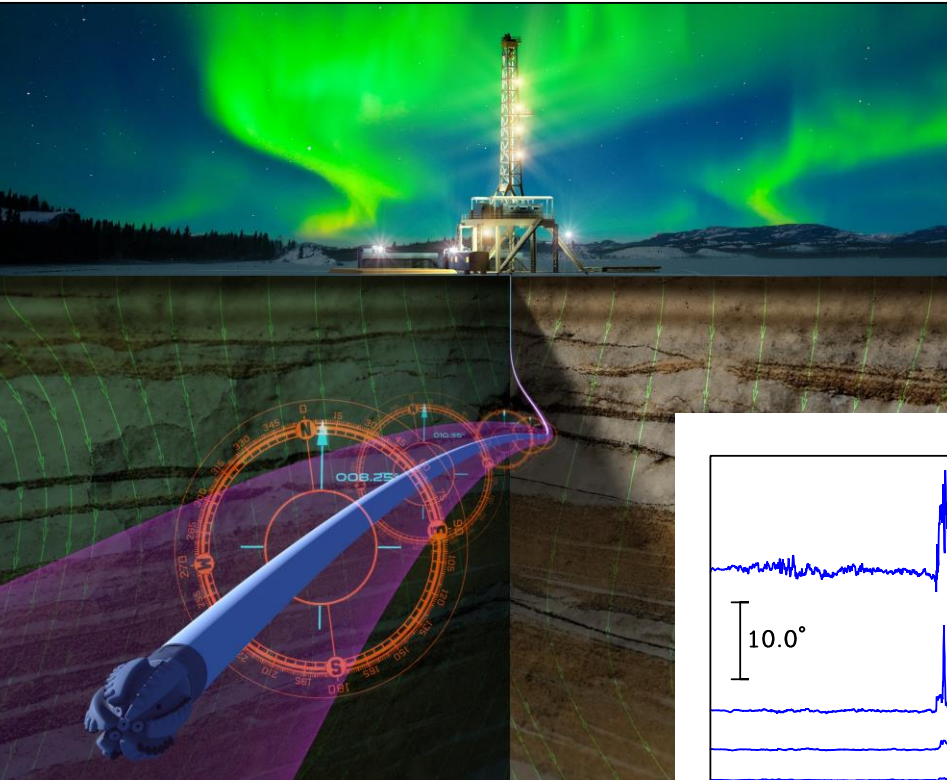
- Voluntary consortium: 120 observatories, 55 institutes, 42 countries
- Modern operational standards, checks data quality, organizes data, website
- Certified INTERMAGNET data since 1991 --- over two solar cycles!
- All observatories produce 1-minute data. Approx. 60 produce 1-second data.
- Many institutes are real-time
- Supports:
 - Space-weather monitoring
 - Induction-hazard assessment
 - Main-field mapping
 - Aeromagnetic surveys
 - Magnetic indices
 - Solid-Earth geophysics
 - Space physics



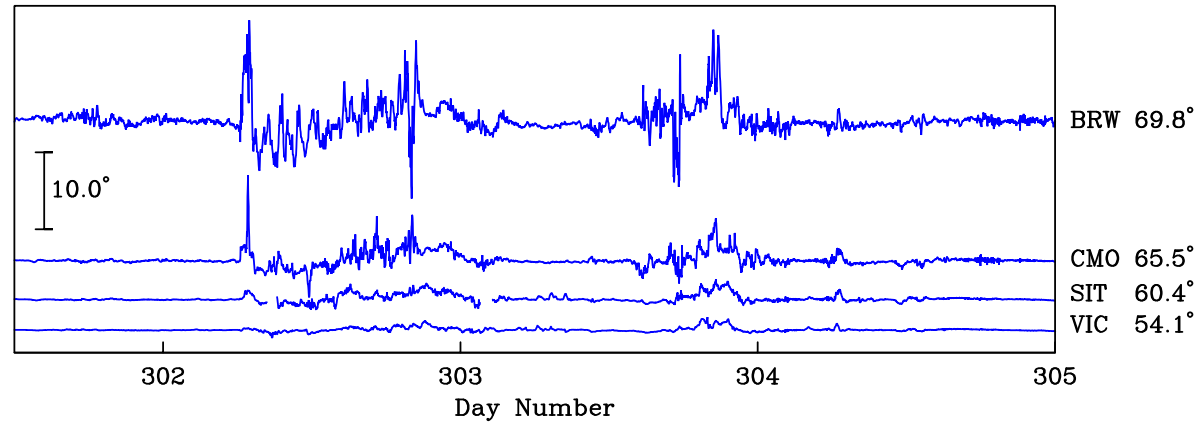
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National Space-Weather Strategy and Action Plans

National Science and Technology Council

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Department of the Interior (DOI) and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS):

Goal 1: Geophysical Benchmarks

- Co-lead for benchmark development.
- Geoelectric benchmarks: 100-year event, theoretical upper-limit event.

Goal 5: Space-Weather Services

- Sustain and expand geomagnetic monitoring.
- Initiate geoelectric monitoring.
- Support magnetotelluric surveys: augment those of NSF EarthScope Program.
- Map geomagnetic and geoelectric hazards.
- Collaborate with other agencies on space-weather data calibration and accuracy.

Goal 6: International Cooperation

- Improve global geomagnetic monitoring, improve global data exchange.

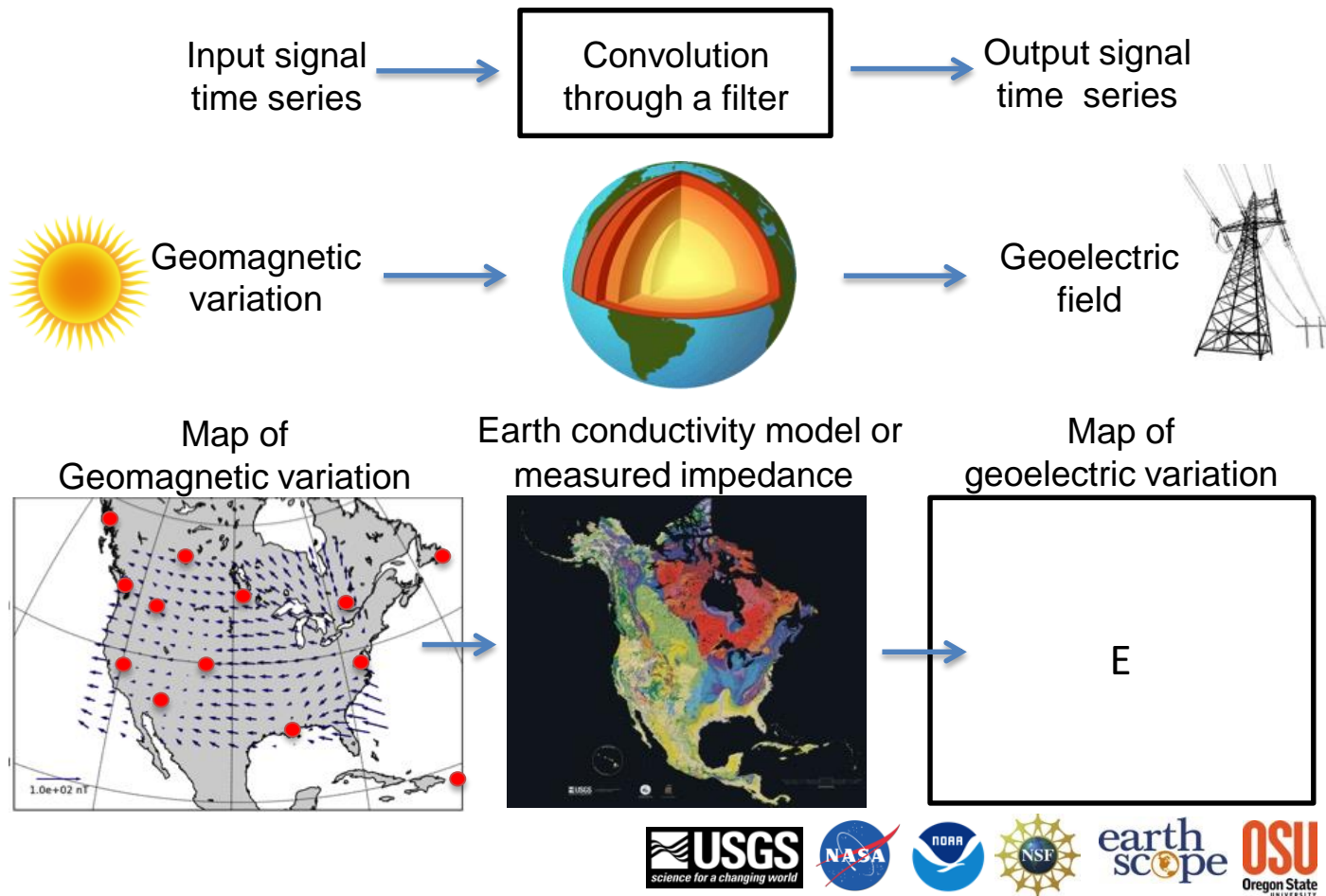


President's 2017 budget for USGS Geomagnetism Program: Increase of \$1.7 million/year to \$3.6 million/year

This additional funding would enable DOI responsibilities within
OSTP's National Space Weather Action Plan:



- New geomagnetic observatories.
- Geoelectric monitoring at some observatories.
- Magnetotelluric surveys, augmenting those of the NSF EarthScope Program.
- 3D modeling of lithospheric electrical conductivity.
- Scenario assessments of induction hazards.
- Real-time geoelectric mapping capability.
- Support international geomagnetic monitoring and data exchange.
- Induction-hazard research of importance for National economy and security.
- Relieve US Air Force of financial support for USGS operations.





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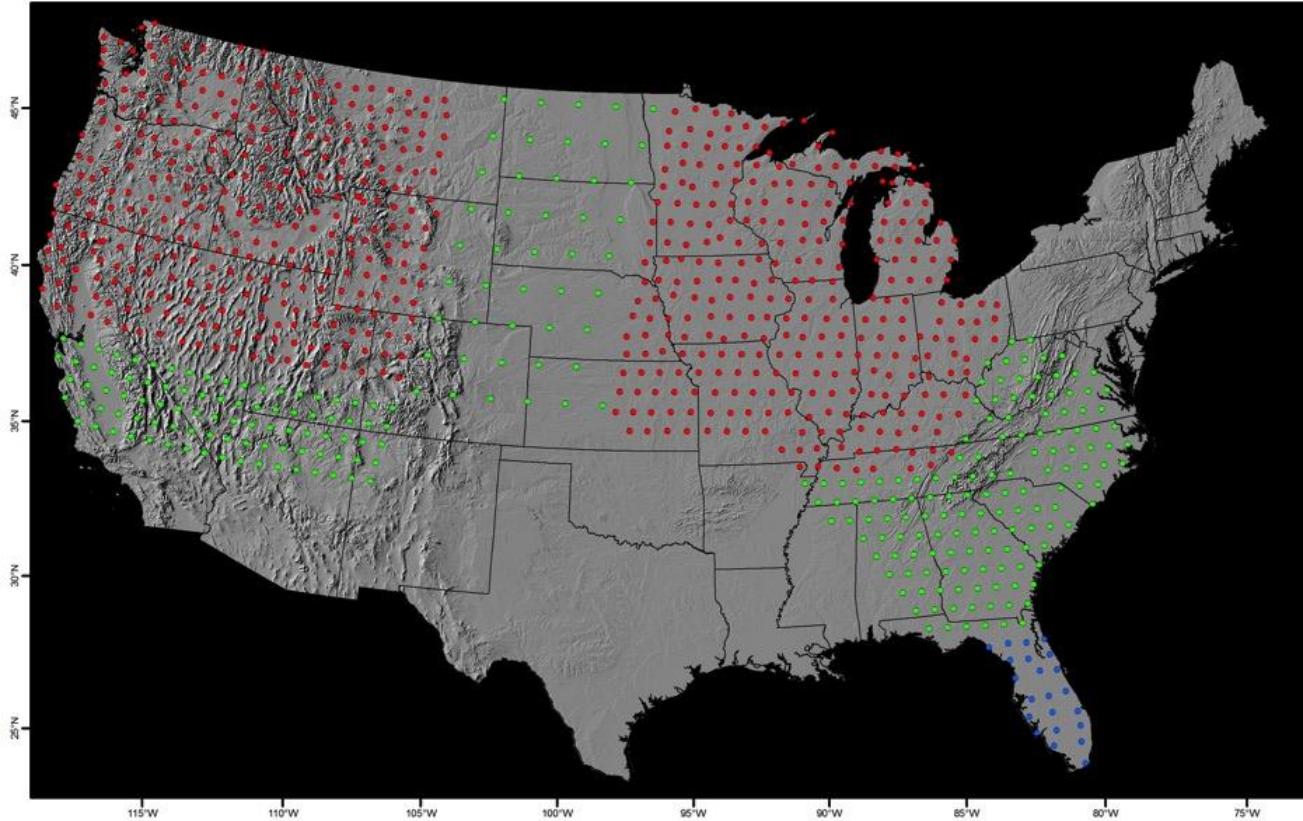


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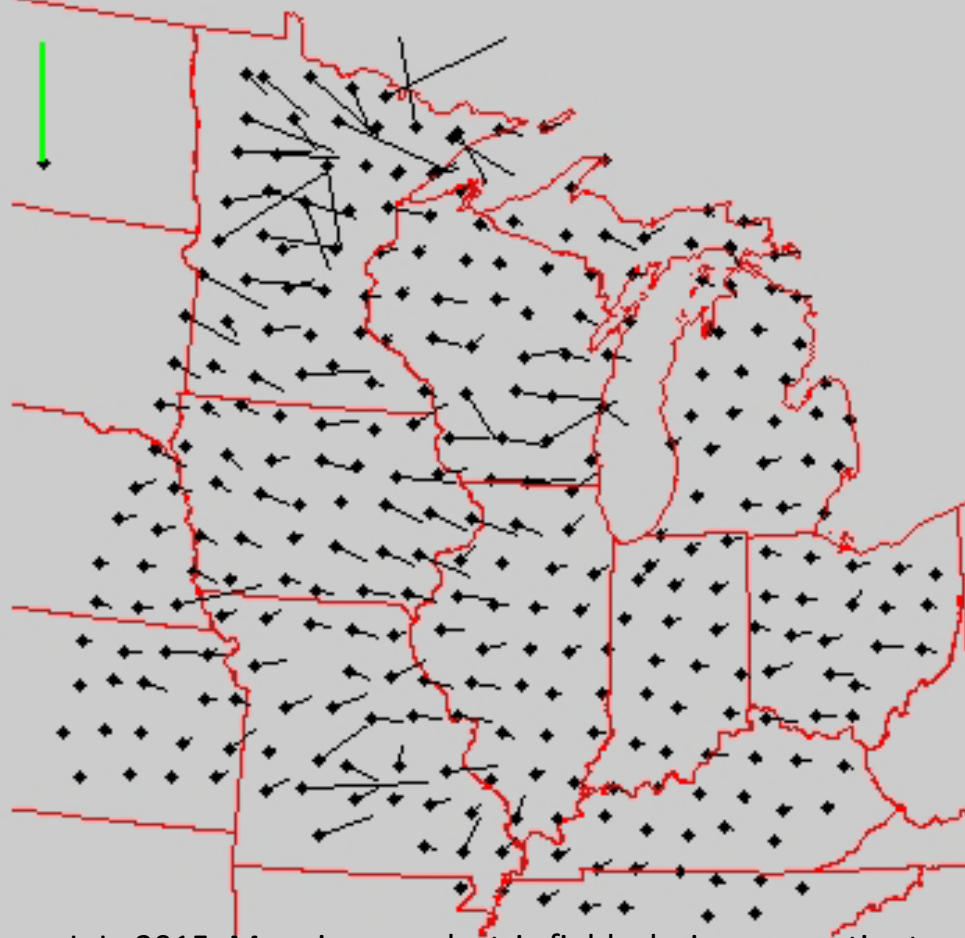
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NSF EarthScope MT survey by 2018 with recent USGS work in Florida.

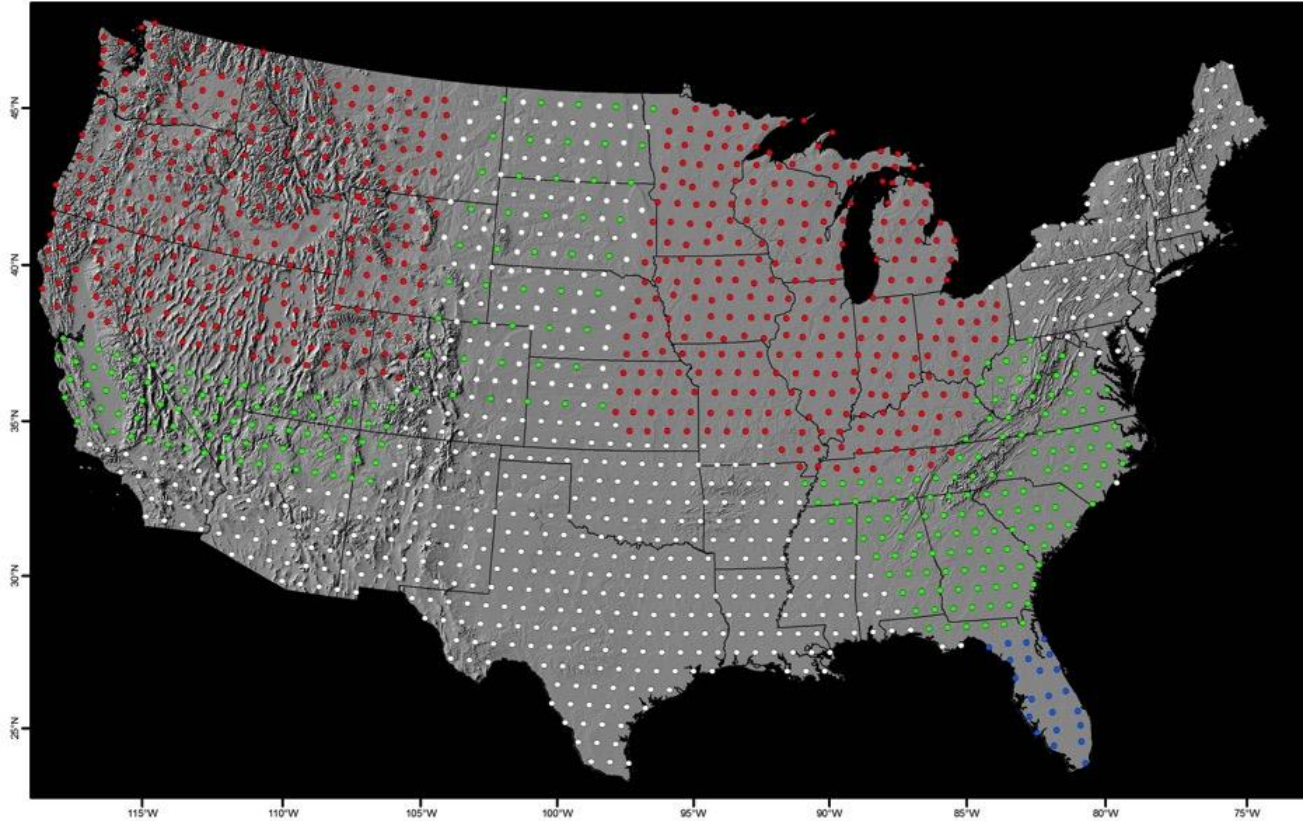


Surveys are accomplished through temporary “transportable” array deployments of ground-based geomagnetic and geoelectric sensors.



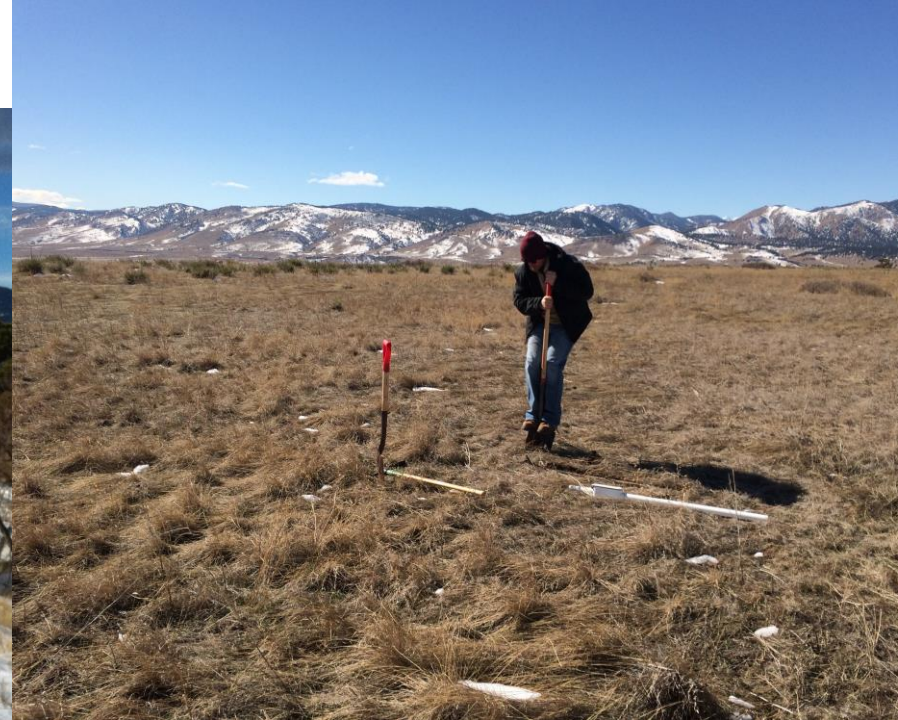
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Possible augmentation of MT survey (white)



Will provide data useful for induction-hazard science and for fundamental geological understanding of the Earth's crust and lithosphere.

Installation of Geoelectric Monitoring at the USGS Boulder Observatory



USGS Mendenhall Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Earth electrical conductivity and magnetic-storm hazards

<http://geology.usgs.gov/postdoc/>

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